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Terry Campus commencement comes home

DOVER- The Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus thirty-sixth annual commencement was held Monday, May 12 in the Educational and Technology Building on campus.

This is the first year the graduation ceremony was held on campus since 1986. Although plans were made to hold the ceremony outdoors under the protection of a large tent, last weekend's wind and rain changed those plans to indoors. But nothing could dampen the spirits of the graduates, their families and supporters.

"We're happy to bring graduation back home, where it belongs," College Vice President and Campus Director Daniel L. Simpson said before introducing guest speaker Howell F. Wallace of Pratt Insurance in Smyrna.

Mr. Wallace encouraged the class of 2008 to use the skills they learned at Delaware Tech to make the world a better place. This relates to the ceremony's "Pay it Forward" theme borrowed from the novel of the same title released in the year 2000 by author Catheryn Ryan Hyde. The novelist's idea of paying it forward suggests a receiver of kindness should pay the kindness forward to more people instead of paying it back to the giver. If this process is repeated then the kindness would quickly spread and touch many people's lives.

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Mr. Wallace represents this idea through his many community outreaches. Motivated by the belief that excellence in education will add to the quality of life in a community, he has labored to promote the Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus mission and helps maintain its goals through dedicated contributions to the Terry Campus Development Council. He also consistently provides financial assistance to Terry Campus students by funding the Wallace Family Scholarship.

“If you see the greater good in your day’s work, keeping in mind to pay it forward, then your enthusiasm will never wane,” Mr. Wallace advised the group of graduates.

This year the number of students earning degrees at the Terry Campus has increased to 286, resembling the rise in student enrollment. This tops last year’s record of 276 graduates.

For more information about associate degree programs at the Terry Campus please visit www.dtcc.edu/terry.

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